

REMARKS

The claims being prosecuted herein are Claims 1-5. Claims 6-15, to a non-elected invention, have been cancelled.

In the Office Action, objections to the drawings are made. Applicants have amended the drawings to remove the double numerals as requested. Applicants do not believe, however, that the use of numerals and alpha-numeric numerals are confusing when reference is made to the specification. Such a change is not believed to be necessary and would require complete revision of the specification and drawings without enhancing the understanding of the invention and reconsideration and removal of this objection is respectfully requested.

The claims are amended herein to remove the objections thereto based on informalities. Applicants would point out that Claim 3 is not the same as Claim 2. In Claim 2, the "tapered faces" are faces 57a found at insertion parts 57 of a plurality of cavity parts 56. In Claim 3, the "inclined faces" are faces 36K formed at ends 36J of a plurality of electrical contact part 36. The two claims are thus substantively distinct and removal of the objection thereto is respectfully requested.

Claims 4 and 5, which were indicated as allowable, have been rewritten in independent form and are now believed to be in allowable condition.

Claims 1-3 have been amended to clarify the present invention.

As now amended, claim 1, the independent claim with Claims 2-3 dependent therefrom, is to a mounting structure of an electric junction box, in which an external wiring harness is connected to an internal electronic unit through a busbar. The structure includes a terminal part of the busbar,

AMENDMENT TO THE DRAWINGS:

The attached sheets of drawings includes changes to Figs. 1, 2, 3, 4, 6, 7 and 11 to remove double numerals, as shown in the attached drawing sheets.

a housing member for receiving the terminal part, a projecting piece projecting inwardly from a circumferential wall of the housing member, and a cavity part of the projecting piece, into which an electric contact part of the busbar is inserted. The terminal part is combined with the housing member so as to form a connector part, which is connected to a mating connector of the external wiring harness, and the electric contact part is inserted into the cavity part so as to correct an inclined electric contact part, thereby connecting a corrected electric contact part to the electronic unit. Such an arrangement is not taught or suggested in the reference.

Reconsideration and removal of the rejection of Claims 1-3 as anticipated by Kato (U.S. 5,913,689) is respectfully requested in view of the present amendment to Claim 1 and the following remarks.

In the Office Action, it is alleged that Kato shows a mounting structure having a terminal part 109 of a busbar 107, a housing member 102 and projecting piece 104 surrounding a cavity, with the terminal part and the housing member forming a connector. It is then alleged that the electric part is inserted into the cavity by way of inclined/tapered faces 1 so as to correct possible misalignments.

Applicants do not believe that the Kato reference teaches or suggests the present mounting structure for an electric junction box as claimed in amended claims 1-3.

The Office Action alleges that the housing member 102 of Kato has a projection piece 104 surrounding a cavity. However, a careful review of the reference shows member 102 to be an upper

casing with a male connector 110 that includes a connector enclosure 104 formed on the upper casing. This is not the same as the present structure and does not suggest the present structure. In the present structure, the housing member 50 has a projecting piece 55 that projects inwardly from one end of the housing body. Applicants have amended claim 1 to point out the feature that the present claimed structure has “a projecting piece projecting inwardly from a circumferential wall of the housing member”, which feature is not taught or suggested in the cited reference.

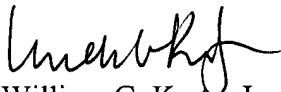
In view of the present amendments to the claims and the above remarks, Applicants' claims 1-3 are believed to be patentable, in addition to allowable Claims 4 and 5, and early action towards allowance thereof is respectfully requested.

If, for any reason, it is felt that this application is not now in condition for allowance, the Examiner is requested to contact Applicants' undersigned attorney at the telephone number indicated below to arrange for an interview to expedite the disposition of this case.

In the event that this paper is not timely filed, Applicants respectfully petition for an appropriate extension of time. Please charge any fees for such an extension of time and any other fees which may be due with respect to this paper, to Deposit Account No. 01-2340.

Respectfully submitted,

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Enclosures: Replacement Sheets of Drawing (Figs. 1, 2, 3, 4, 6, 7 and 11)



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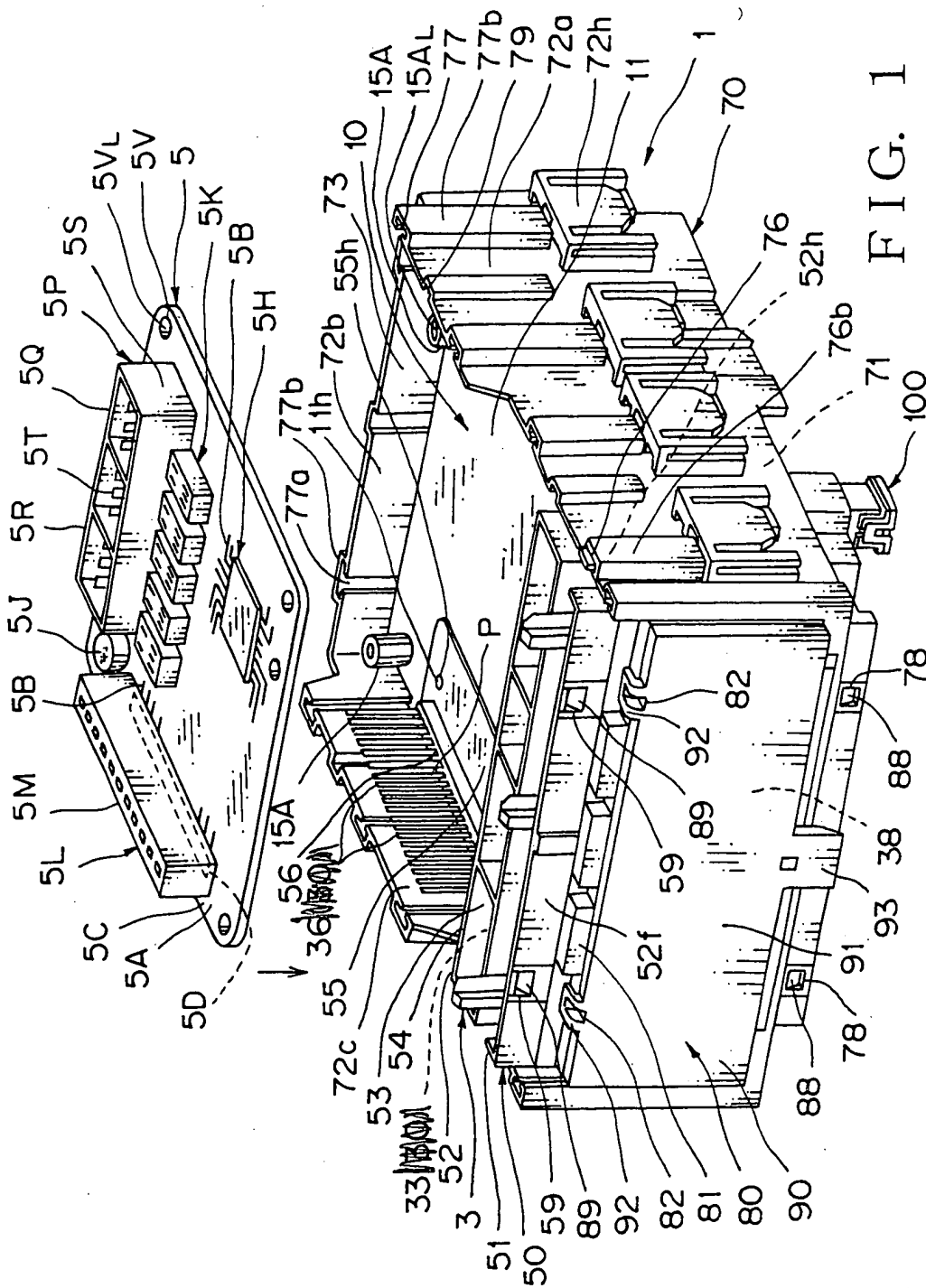


FIG. 1

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FIG. 2

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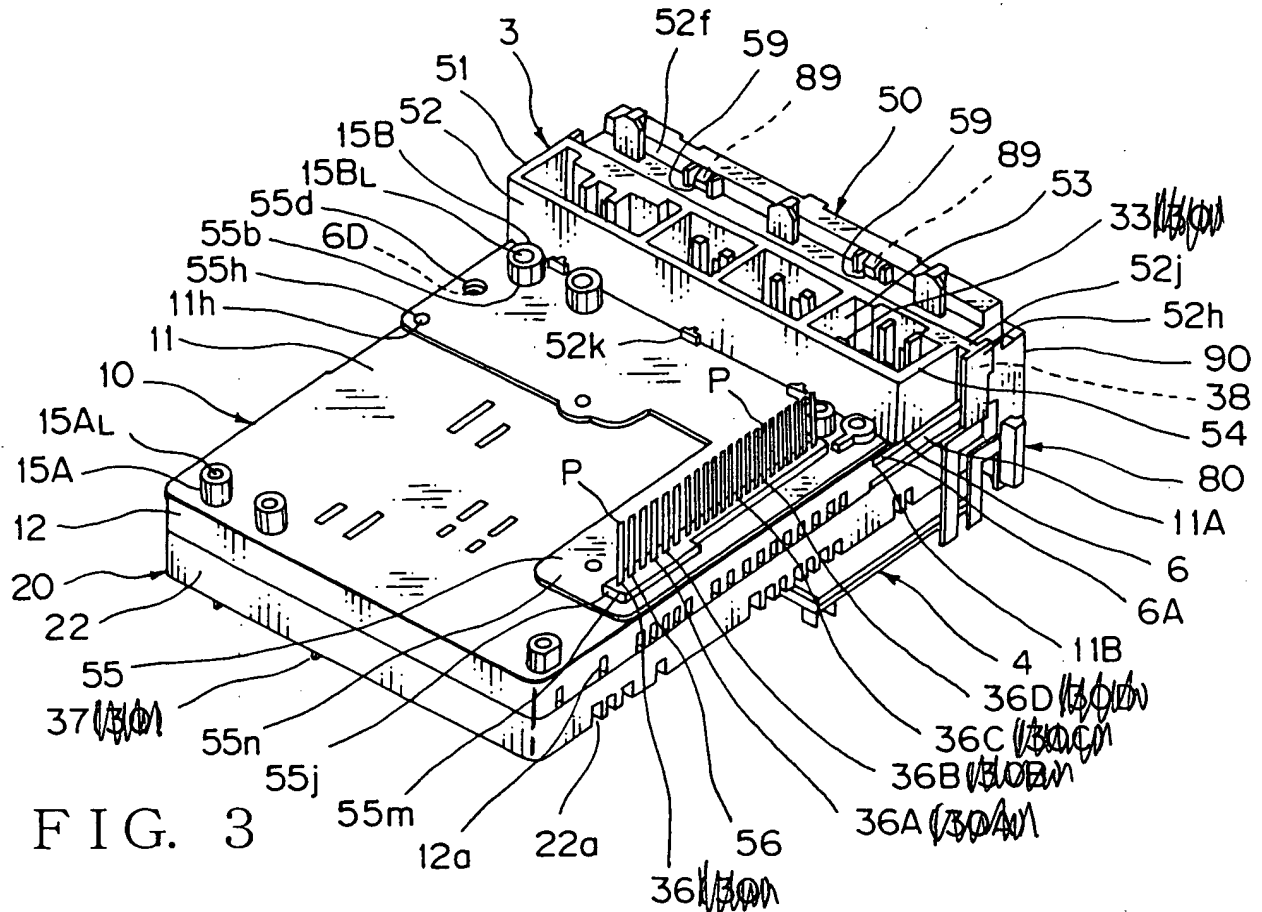


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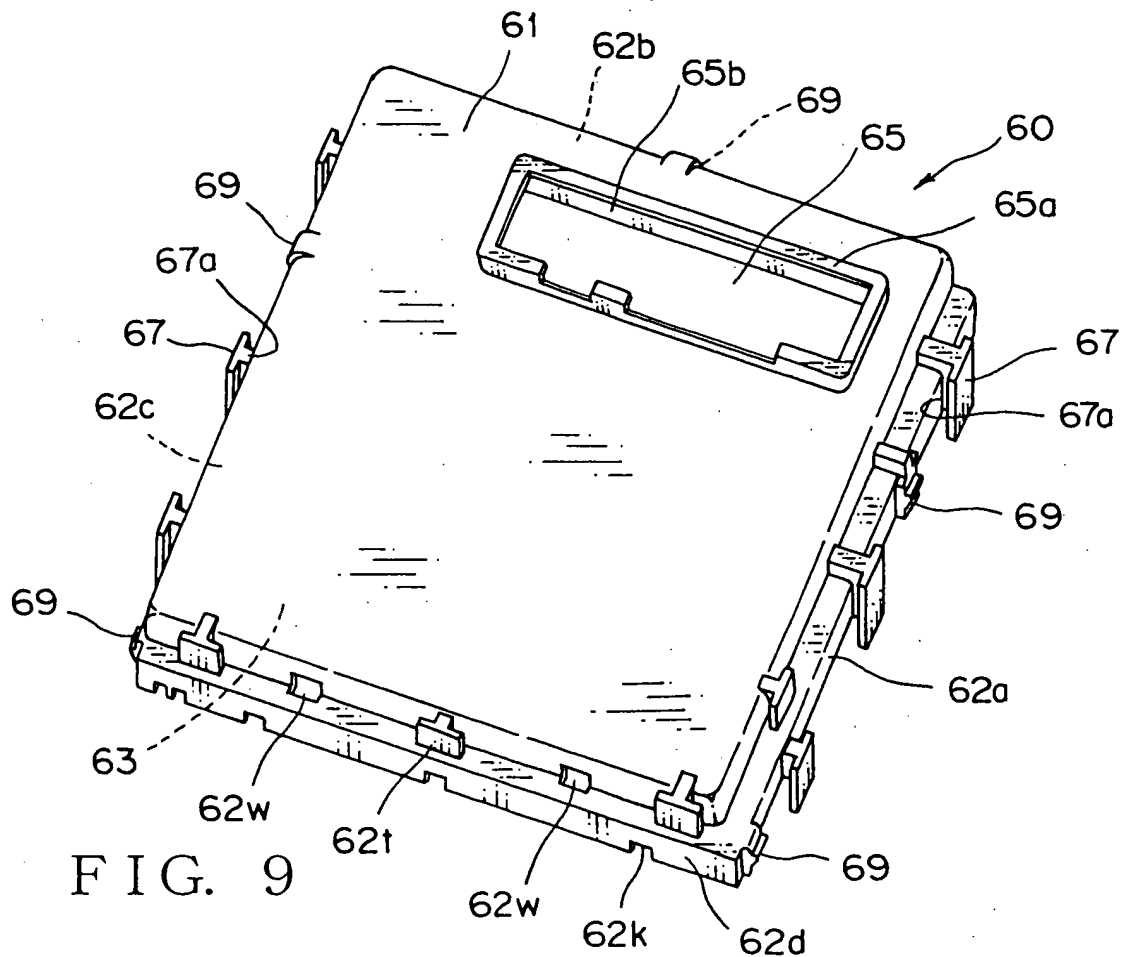


FIG. 9



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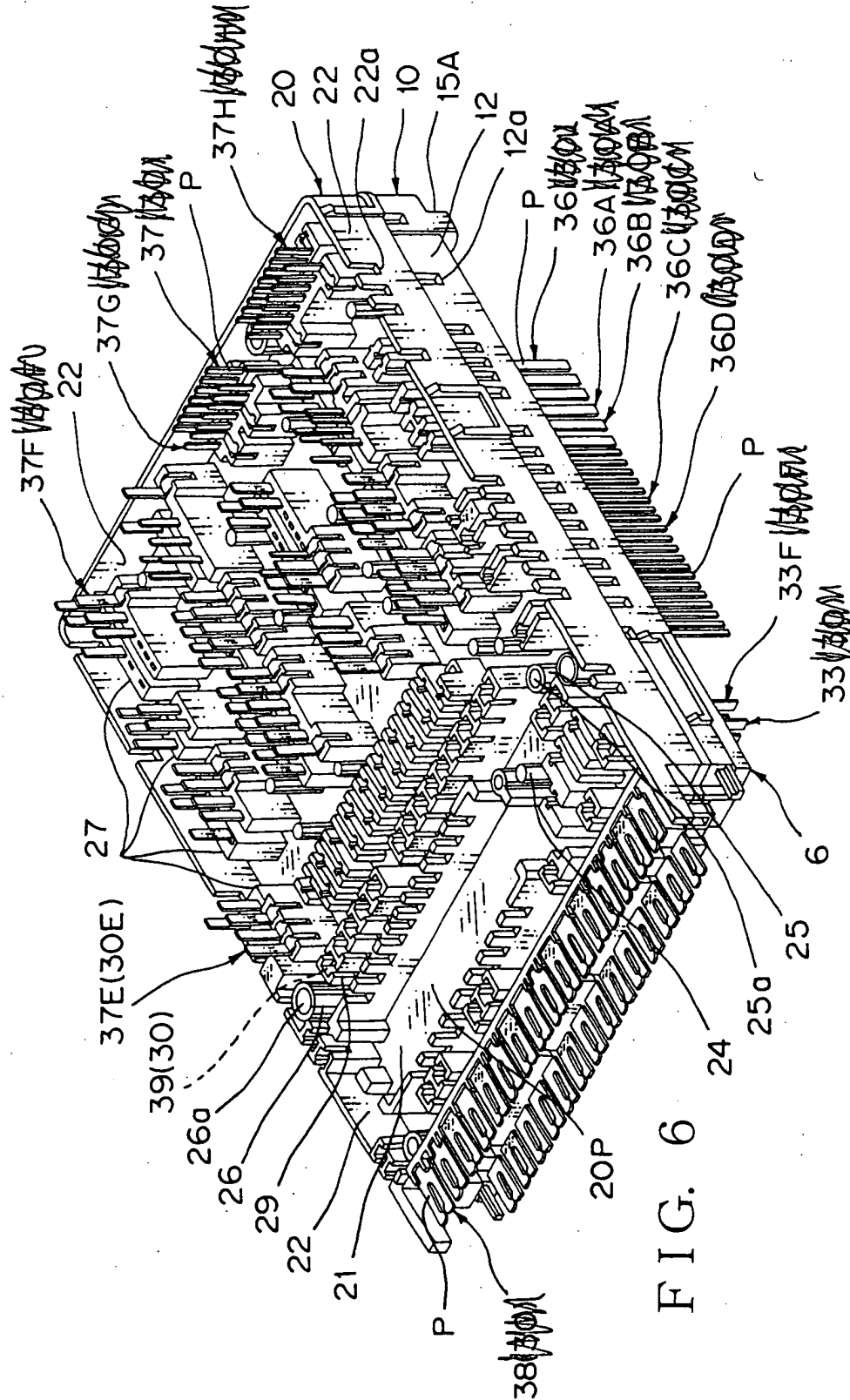


FIG. 6



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